



January 19, 2007 Update

U.S. 101 Widening Project, Santa Rosa

Loud Work at Sixth Street

Crews startled sleeping neighbors with impact pile driving very early Thursday morning. Caltrans stopped the work shortly after becoming aware of the hammer's use and apologizes for the unexpected night work.

Nonetheless, work needs to continue at **Sixth Street** and crews must drive through the buried man-made objects 8-10 feet below the surface. This is impossible using the quieter vibratory hammer.

Plans are in place to continue with louder pile driving the week of January 22 evenings, concluding no later than **12:00am**.

Crews will close the median lanes, in both the northbound and southbound directions at 9:00pm all week for safe crane operation. Crews may begin driving piles earlier if they can keep the crane inside the closure. Quieter work and lane closures will extend until 5:00am.

Crews will continue pile driving at Sixth Street for several days around the week of February 5. Crews will follow a similar schedule of beginning work as early as possible in the evening, closing lanes at 9:00pm, and completing loud work by 12:00am. The work shifts and lane closures may continue to 5:00am with quieter operations.

Openings and Closings

- The southbound traffic on U.S. 101 at Steele Lane and College Avenue has shifted to the new center median bridges.
 - The westernmost College Avenue southbound bridge demolition continues 10:00pm to 6:00am on **Sunday, January 21 and Monday, January 22**. The **College Avenue undercrossing** will be **closed** those dates. Crews may close the southbound College Avenue off and on ramps, with the offramp closing at 8:00pm and the onramp closing at 10pm.
 - The new Steele Lane westernmost bridge construction progresses with forming and concrete pouring next week.
- Throughout the life of the project, either lane in both the northbound or southbound direction of U.S. 101 will temporarily close as needed, from 10:00pm to 5:00am between State Route 12 to Steele Lane.
- Fifth and Ninth Streets remain closed. Ninth Street is open for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. At Fifth Street crews are installing the lost deck portion of the bridge's structure, and preparations for a concrete pour continue at Fifth Street.
- The Third Street offramp from northbound U.S. 101, the Third Street undercrossing, and Prince Memorial Greenway are open.
- Olive Avenue and the Santa Rosa Overhead demolition work are on hold until utility work in the area is complete.

All work dates are tentative as the rainy season impacts construction.